

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dental hygiene apparatus, comprising
a teeth-cleaning means, and
5 a handling means, whereby said teeth-cleaning means and
said handling means are united and pliable at their
points of joinder.
- 10 2. The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a flexible
elbow.
- 15 3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the teeth-cleaning
means comprises arms securing one or more lengths of
interdental material.
- 20 4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said material is dental
floss.
5. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the teeth-cleaning
20 means further comprises a tapered portion at one end of
said apparatus.
6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the tapered portion is
chisel-shaped or pointed.
- 25 7. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the teeth-cleaning
means has a range of flexibility from 0 to about 90
degrees relative to its original position.
- 30 8. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the teeth-cleaning
means is capable of adhering to its new position after
flex adjustment.
- 35 9. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the teeth-cleaning
means can be bent approximately 90 degrees to the right

and then approximately 90 degrees to the left and so forth for at least 20 times without breaking.

10. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the handling means
5 comprises a handle with ridges, grooves, or a combination thereof.
11. An dental hygiene apparatus, comprising
an elongated member,
10 a flexible elbow, and
two arms securing one or more lengths of interdental material.
12. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the elongated member
15 comprises a tapered end.
13. The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the tapered end is
chisel-shaped or pointed.
- 20 14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the elongated member
comprises ridges, grooves, or a combination thereof.
15. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the apparatus, in
whole or in part, is constructed of a thermoplastic
25 resin.
16. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the resin is a
polymer.
- 30 17. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the polymer is
polypropylene.
18. A dental hygiene apparatus, comprising
a cleaning head comprising arms for securing one or more
35 lengths of floss,

a flexible elbow,
an elongated member, and
a guarding means for preventing a user from using said
apparatus.

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19. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the guarding means
comprises a locking device and a mating recess that
securely accepts said locking device.

10 20. The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the locking device
will break off when said guarding means is removed from
said apparatus.

15 21. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the guarding means
comprises a thin material that securely grips and covers
the cleaning head and cannot be removed without
destruction of said material.